- (2) [Said] A charter board shall [be] CONSIST OF 7 registered voters [and shall consist of an uneven number of members, not fewer than five or more than nine].
- (C) (1) The [board of] county commissioners shall appoint a charter board within [thirty] 90 days after receiving a petition signed by [five percent] 10% of the registered voters of the county or by [ten thousand] 10,000 voters of the county, whichever is [the lesser number] LESS.
- (2) If additional charter board members are nominated by petitions signed by [three percent] 10% of the registered voters of the county or by [two thousand] 10,000 registered voters, whichever is [the lesser number] LESS, delivered to the [board of] county commissioners within [sixty] 60 days after the charter board is appointed, the [board of county commissioners shall call a special election not less than thirty or more than ninety days after receiving petitions, unless a regular election falls within the designated period] BOARD OF ELECTION SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY SHALL PROVIDE AT THE NEXT GENERAL OR CONGRESSIONAL ELECTION OCCURRING AT LEAST 60 DAYS AFTER SUBMISSION OF THE PETITION FOR THE ELECTION OF A CHARTER BOARD.
- (3) The appointees of the [board of] county commissioners and those nominated by petitions shall be placed on the ballot in alphabetical order without party designation.
- (4) The voters may cast votes for[, and elect a number of] 7 nominees [equal to the number of charter board members originally selected by the board of county commissioners, and those so elected] AND THE 7 NOMINEES RECEIVING THE LARGEST NUMBER OF VOTES are the charter board.
- (D) (1) The charter board, within [twelve] 18 months from [the date of] its appointment[,] or [if there was an election for some of its members,] within [twelve] 18 months from [the date of the] ITS election, shall present a proposed charter for the county to the [board of] county commissioners[,].
- (2) THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS [which] shall publish [it] THE PROPOSED CHARTER at least [twice] ONCE in [one] 1 or more newspapers of general circulation in the county within [thirty] 30 days [after it is presented].
- (E) (1) The charter shall be submitted to the voters of the county at [a special or regular election held not earlier than thirty days or later than ninety days after] THE NEXT-PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION FOLLOWING THE publication of the charter.
- (2) If a majority of the votes cast [for and against] ON the adoption of the charter are in favor of its adoption, the charter shall [become effective as the charter of the county] TAKE EFFECT on the [thirtieth] 30TH day after the NEXT GUBERNATORIAL election [or such later date as shall be specified in the charter].

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On demand of the Mayor of Baltimore and City Council of the City of Baltimore, or on petition bearing the signatures of not less than 20% of the registered voters of said City or any County (Provided, however, that in any case 10,000 signatures shall be